A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

Thurſday, May 5. 1709.

WHile I am treating with the *Jacobites* to encourage them to come in, and reconcile themſelves to their Country, and to their Friends, and to their own Intereſt——It comes of Courſe to give you ſome View of the Circumſtances of the great Man, they have hitherto had their Dependence upon——And if they have any Prudence or any Policy, they will ſee, whether he is able to ſupport them or no.

Indeed, if they will look back upon Things, and examine, upon what Baſis the Exorbitant Power of *France* was built, and what it aim'd at, they might have concluded, it would end in Shame and Diſaſter; ſince, if the Scripture be a Guide to judge by, *Pride goes before Deſtruction, and a haughty Spirit before a Fall.*

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Let us therefore take a View of this great Mortal, and perhaps we may ſhew the Gentlemen, that, ſpeaking of Things in the common Courſe of Providence, it could not be, but that he muſt fall, for Heaven muſt act in a different Way than he has been pleas'd to take, in all his antient Government of Human Affairs; Tyrants, Uſurpers of Right, Invaders of Nations, and Oppreſſors of People, have been permitted for the wiſe Ends of ſecret and inſcrutable Providence to run great Lengths in the World, and have gone off without any viſible Marks of Divine Vengeance: But when they come to blaſpheme, when they uſurp upon their Maker, and invade the Titles and Prerogatives of the Almighty, GOD has always thought fit to chaſtiſe ſuch perſonally and openly, in Vindication of his Soveraignty and incommunicable Glory——— Thus, when the *Roman* Emperors aſſum'd a Divinity of Nature, not one of them eſcap'd open Vengeance; *Herod* is an Inſtance in Sacred Writ; *Julian* the Apoſtate, that had let looſe his blaſphemous Tongue againſt his Redeemer—— Stoop'd to his Vengeance, and with a VICISTI expir'd, acknowledging himſelf overcome.

Let us view the great Scourge of *Europe* we are upon, and without reproaching him at all, only with as much Juſtice, and I hope, Modeſty too, as conſiſts with neceſſary Animadverſion; let us but remark what he is fallen from, and it will of Courſe lead me to tell you what he is fallen to.

On the magnificent Statue of the King, erected by the Mareſchal *de la Feuillade*, in *Paris* in the Year 1686, is this Inſcription,

Patri Exercituum, & Ductori ſemper Felici, VIRO IMMORTALI.

To the Father of Armies, and their Leader ALWAYS Fortunate, to the IMMORTAL MAN.

In the Year 1679, after the Reduction of *Strasburgh*, and the Peace that follow'd, a Medal was made in Honour of the King, with this Device.

Victory preſenting the King of *France* with the Globe of the World——

The King puts a Wreath of Olive-Branches upon the Globe, with this Inſcription,

PACATORI ORBIS,

To the Quieter of the World.

Upon his bombarding *Genoa*, and ſurprizing *Luxemburgh*, both without any juſt Ground of War, a Medal was ſtruck at *Paris*, after which I need name no more.

The Medal repreſents the King ſtanding between the two Cities of *Genoa* and *Luxemburgh*, holding the Globe of the World upon the Point of his Sword, with this Motto or Inſcription,

QUOD LIBET, LICET,

His Will's the Law.

It would be endleſs to give you all the impious and blaſphemous Motto's and and Inſcriptions made by the *French* Flatterers, to the Glory of this mighty Monarch; I ſhall ſupply them all with that of the Famous Father *Meneſtrier* the *Jeſuit*, in his Dedication of his *Hiſtoire du Roy*, where he preſents us with the Character of the King of *France* in theſe Words.

LOUIS

LOUIS Le Grand,
L' Invincible, *Le* Sage, *Le* Conquerant,
Le Merveille *de ſon* Siecle,
Le Terreur *de ſes* Enemis,
L' Amour *de ſes* Peuples,
L' Arbitre *de la* Paix & *de la* Guerre,
L' Admiration *de l'* Univers,
Et Digne d' EN ETRE LE MAITRE.

Then addreſſing to the Grandſons of the King, he goes on ſpeaking of his Book;

Offre avec un profond Reſpect,
Le Modele *d'un* Heros Achevé,
En leur preſentant les Images de la Hiſtoire d'un Regne,
Digne de l' Immortalité,
Et le Veneration *de tous les* Siecles.

To put this into ENGLISH.

LEWIS the *Great*,
The *Invincible*, the *Wiſe*, the *Conquering*,
The *Wonder* of his *Age*,
The *Terror* of his *Enemies*,
The *Delight* of his *People*,
The *Arbiter* of *Peace* and *War*,
The *Admiration* of the *Univerſe*,
And Worthy TO GOVERN IT.

The Author offers to the young Princes,
With a profound Reſpect,
The *Pattern* of a *Compleat Hero*,
In preſenting them the Hiſtory of a Reign,
Worthy of *Immortality*,
And the *Veneration* of all *Ages*.

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